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Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee March 22, 2010

PLEASE SUPPORT SENATE BILL 477 – AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX CREDIT FOR MAKING JOBS ACCESSIBLE TO EMPLOYEES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

## **Dear Friends:**

Our 14-year-old son Jeremiah is in the Autism Spectrum. Jeremiah works very hard every day in school and at home to improve his skills and to improve his ability to communicate with other people.

We are very proud of Jeremiah and we are hopeful and confident that someday Jeremiah will have a nice boss who gives Jeremiah the opportunity to work.

Senate Bill 477 provides a good incentive for good companies to hire job coaches to assist people like Jeremiah with their job duties.

Families across Connecticut are grateful that the General Assembly continues to recognize the importance of helping people with disabilities – even during these very challenging economic times.

Thank you very much for your consideration of SB 477.